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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
BERTRAND TAVITIAN, ET AL. : ATTN: MAIL STOP MISSING PARTS  
SERIAL NO: 10/593,256 :  
FILED: SEPTEMBER 18, 2006 :  
FOR: APTAMERS SELECTED FROM :  
LIVE TUMOR CELLS AND THE USE :  
THEREOF :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO  
NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed November 7, 2007,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this response.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 12 of this response and include three  
attached replacement sheets.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 13 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 30 of this response.